Hello,

I am against lifting the ban of cellphon usage on airplanes. When I travel I see the flight time as comfortable down time, where I can make choices. I can read, nap, sleep, or choose to converse with others. But I am not forced to do any of these, nor in making those choices do I force others to do them (If they do not want to talk they do not, and it's easy to get the message).

Allowing cell phone use on planes in an invasion of privacy in such a small space. One will be subject to hearing others talking non-stop about mostly inane subjects. And one cannot move away from this noise.

Some will argue "why don't you just get a set of headphones to drown out the noise?", but I ask, why do I need to take on that inconvenience? The talkers are the ones making the noise, that is what needs to be addressed.

In conclusion, I fear our society is falling victim to the "tyranny of the urgent"; we try to fill each waking moment with activity, as if something is wrong with us if we take quiet time. This is especially true of business. In fact, if I owned a business, I would ban my employees from using cell phones on planes, for fear that a competitor might overhear something.

Allowing cell phone usage on planes is just adding to the too-prevalent stress that exists today... I urge you to keep the ban and allow peace and quiet to continue on airplanes.

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